

Objective: To gain experience implementing linked data structures by implementing a cursor-based list using doubly-linked nodes.

To start the homework: Download and extract the file hw3.zip from

<http://www.cs.uni.edu/~fienup/cs1520f16/homework/>

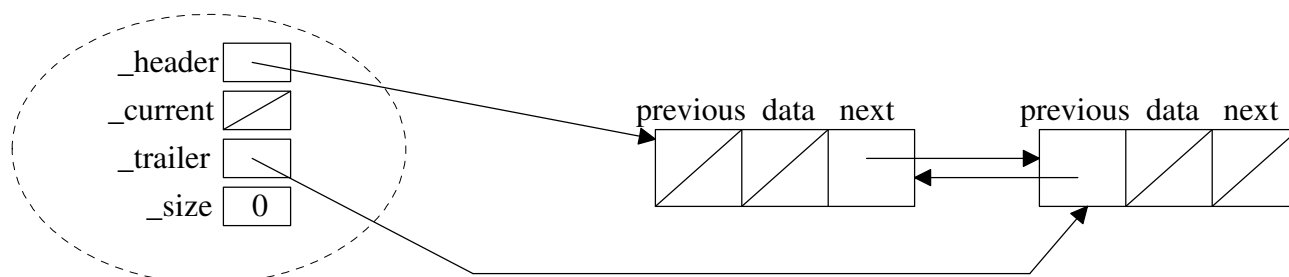
The hw3.zip file contains:

- the Node class (in the node.py module) and the Node2Way class (in the node2way.py module)
- the skeleton CursorBasedList class (in the cursor_based_list.py module) which you will complete
- the cursorBasedListTester.py file that you can use to interactively test your CursorBasedList class.

Recall that in a **cursor-base list** a *cursor* (indicating the *current item*) can be moved around the list with the cursor being used to identify the region in the list to be manipulated. We will insert and removing items relative to the current item. A *current item* must always be defined as long as the list is not empty.

| Cursor-based operations | Description of operation |
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| L.getCurrent() | Precondition: the list is not empty. Returns the current item without removing it or changing the current position. |
| L.hasNext() | Precondition: the list is not empty. Returns True if the current item has a next item; otherwise return False. |
| L.next() | Precondition: hasNext returns True. Postcondition: The current item has moved right one item |
| L.hasPrevious() | Precondition: the list is not empty. Returns True if the current item has a previous item; otherwise return False. |
| L.previous() | Precondition: hasPrevious returns True. Postcondition: The current item has moved left one item |
| L.first() | Precondition: the list is not empty. Makes the first item the current item. |
| L.last() | Precondition: the list is not empty. Makes the last item the current item. |
| L.insertAfter(item) | Inserts item after the current item, or as the only item if the list is empty. The new item is the current item. |
| L.insertBefore(item) | Inserts item before the current item, or as the only item if the list is empty. The new item is the current item. |
| L.replace(newValue) | Precondition: the list is not empty. Replaces the current item by the newValue. |
| L.remove() | Precondition: the list is not empty. Removes and returns the current item. Making the next item the current item if one exists; otherwise the tail item in the list is the current item unless the list is now empty. |

The cursor_based_list.py file contains a skeleton CursorBasedList class. You MUST use a doubly-linked list implementation with a *header* node and a *trailer* node. An empty list looks like:



All “real” list items will be inserted between the header and trailer nodes to reduce the number of “special cases” (e.g., inserting first item in an empty list, deleting the last item from the list, etc.).

Use the provided cursorBasedListTester.py program to test your list.

Submit all necessary files (cursor_based_list.py, node.py, node2way.py etc.) as a single zipped file (called hw3.zip) electronically at : https://www.cs.uni.edu/~schafer/submit/which_course.cgi